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SUBJECT: ISRAELI RAIDS IN LEBANON

1. IN TELEPHONE CALL I INITIATED (OSTENSIBLY TO CHECK ON SECURITY PRECAUTIONS), GHORRA (LEBANON) TOLD ME HE SOON WOULD BE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS FROM BEIRUT TO COMPLAIN TO SC. GHORRA SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD THIS UNOFFICIALLY IN PHONE CALL FROM BEIRUT FEW MOMENTS AGO.

2. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTIONS, HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT KIND OF COMPLAINT WLD BE LODGED, WHETHER MTG WLD BE FORMAL OR INFORMAL, AND/OR WHETHER LEBANON WLD ASK
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THAT ISRAEL BE CONDEMNED. GHORRA SAID HE EXPECTS

INSTRUCTIONS WITHIN FEW HOURS.

3. IN SECOND TELEPHONE CALL TO GHORRA, AFTER RECEIPT OF BEIRUT'S 5610, I ASKED HIM WHETHER HE CERTAIN HIS INFO THAT HE WOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO COMPLAIN WAS ACCURATE. HE ASKED WHY I ASKED THIS QUESTION. I TOLD HIM WE HAD HEARD CONFLICTING VERSION. GHORRA THEN SAID HIS INFO WAS "UNOFFICIAL", THAT HE DID NOT KNOW MORE THAN THIS, BUT THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PRIME MIN HAD ALREADY ISSUED STATEMENT.

4. GHORRA EXPRESSED HOPE HIS UNOFFICIAL INFO WAS IN ERROR BECAUSE HE DID NOT WISH TO GO TO SC MEETING.

5. CBS CORRESPONDENT, RICHARD HOTTELET, TOLD ME IN PHONE CONVERSATION THAT GHORRA HAD TOLD HIM LEBANON WLD COMPLAIN TO SC THIS AFTERNOON. HOTTELET SAID GHORRA TOLD HIM FON MINISTRY NOW DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS WHICH HE EXPECTED HOURLY. GHORRA DID NOT KNOW, HOTTELET SAID, WHETHER COMPLAINT WLD BE FOR MTG OR PERHAPS LETTER. ON OFF-RECORD BASIS, I URGED HOTTELET TO DOWNPLAY ANY BROADCAST SUGGESTING FORMAL MTG AT THIS STAGE.
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